

**VSH FUTURES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
\*\*\*DRAFT CHARGE\*\*\***

**PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP**

Context

The VSH Futures Advisory Committee, the MH Division's Futures Report, and the recommendations of Secretary Charlie Smith to the VT Legislature all stated that peer support services should be expanded to include specific services in connection with the Futures Plan.

The Douglas Administration's budget for State Fiscal Year 2007 proposes that \$79,961 of general funds be appropriated for Peer Support Services. These funds are intended to support start-up services estimated to begin by February 2007. The plan would annualize this service in SFY 2008 at \$230,266.

Charge

Organize a multi-stakeholder work group with a majority consumers and family members to:

1. identify what types of peer services could be supported with these resources;
2. develop a recommendation about what service(s) should be implemented; and
3. recommend who and how the service(s) should be staffed and operated.

Report the recommendations back to the full Futures Advisory Committee for discussion and final recommendation to Secretary Smith.

All meetings of the group shall be open to the public, noticed, and minutes shall be distributed via the weekly MH update.